

HOUSE RESOLUTION 262

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Bob McKee on the celebration of his seventy-fifth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body pay tribute to our colleagues who are celebrating special occasions in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bob McKee will celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday on April 6, 2018, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the son of Jim and Nellie McKee, Bob McKee was born and raised in Athens and graduated from McMinn County High School, where he lettered in football; and

WHEREAS, a prominent businessman and shining star in his community, Bob McKee was honored as Athens Young Man of Year; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Tennessee Tire Dealers Association, he co-owned and operated McKee Tire Company for forty years before retiring in 2005; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who appreciates the many responsibilities of citizenship, Bob McKee was a member of the McMinn County Commission from 1977 to 1986 and served two years as its chairman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKee gave back to his community as a member and officer of the Masons, the Jaycees, and the Elks and as a member of Keith Memorial United Methodist Church, the McMinn County Industrial Development Board, and the Athens Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Bob McKee was first elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1990 and distinguished himself as an excellent legislator during his sixteen-year tenure on Capitol Hill; and

WHEREAS, he was a valuable member of the Agricultural Committee, the Commerce Committee, and the Finance, Ways and Means Committee and its Budget Subcommittee and served as chairman of the Commerce Committee's Industrial Impact Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Representative McKee provided leadership as a member of several oversight committees, including the Fiscal Review Committee and perhaps most notably, the Select Oversight Committee on Corrections, which he first served as vice chairman and then co-chairman; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, he was named Tennessee Development District Legislator of Year and Tennessee Forest Association Legislator of Year; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the General Assembly in 2006, Bob McKee returned to State service in February 2007, serving briefly as executive director of the Tennessee Motor Vehicle Commission before returning to his field of expertise as executive director of the Select Oversight Committee on Corrections; and

WHEREAS, today, Mr. McKee continues to serve the State of Tennessee with dedication and integrity as director of the Local Jail Resource Office for the Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-two years, Bob McKee was married to Marion "Honeybee" Shell, before her passing in 1998; and

WHEREAS, he is now fortunate to share love and companionship with his wife of fifteen years, Kristi Alverson; his sons, Stan and Josh; and his grandsons, Hayden, Brandon, Jacob, Graham, and Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, as Mr. McKee celebrates the diamond anniversary of his birth, his interests include traveling with his wife, visiting with his children and grandchildren, golfing, and farming; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate our colleague Bob McKee on the celebration of his seventy-fifth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.